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Encl: (1) COMFITWINGLANT Command History
(2) COMFITWINGLANT Calendar Year 1993
(3) Biography of Captain Robert S. Schmidt
(4) Photograph of Captain Robert S. Schmidt
(5) Former Wing Commanders

1. Per the reference, enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.


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COMNAVAIRLANT (N02P)

Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

COMMAND HISTORY

Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet was established on 1 July 1971 replacing Commander Fleet Air Norfolk as supervisor, coordinator and director of operations, maintenance, supply and administration for Atlantic Fleet fighter squadrons. Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet assumes the overall responsibility for the continuing material readiness and type training of all fleet squadrons and units within the Atlantic Fleet F-14 fighter community. In addition, Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet is administratively responsible for providing support for Fleet Composite Squadron 8. The Commander coordinates, for the squadron/air wing commander, the scheduling of such functions as safety inspections, aircraft material inspections and modification programs, Standard Depot Level Maintenance (SDLM) schedules, unit weapons deployments and competitive exercises. Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet also assists the air wing commanders and fleet squadron commanders in all aspects of training and material readiness while shore-based and, when appropriate, when squadrons are deployed.

At present, Fighter Wing Atlantic consists of nine fleet operation squadrons flying the F-14 Tomcat, Fighter Squadrons 43 and 101, Fleet Composite Squadron 8 and provides scheduling authority over Fighter Squadron Composite 12. The Fleet Readiness Squadron, Fighter Squadron 101, provides replacement aircrew and maintenance personnel for the F-14. Fighter Squadron 43, the adversary support squadron, provides air combat maneuvering services for all squadrons. Fleet Composite Squadron 8 provides fleet air support services for deploying aviation squadrons. Fighter Squadron Composite 12 provides adversary support for the fleet and Fighter Squadron 101.

Fighter Wing Atlantic is comprised of over 280 aircraft and more than 4,700 officers and enlisted personnel. The prompt provision of services and facilities to the squadrons and personnel that comprise them ensures support and maximum combat readiness capabilities of the Atlantic Fleet fighter community.

Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet official name change, formerly Commander, Fighter Wing ONE, became effective 9 July 1994.

COMFITWINGLANT CALENDAR YEAR 1993

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. To exercise administrative and operational control over readiness training squadrons and other units assigned. Fighter Wing Atlantic assists air wing commanders and fleet squadron commanding officers in all aspects of training and material readiness while shore-based and, when appropriate, while squadrons are deployed.

b. Commander. Captain Robert S. Schmidt.

c. Command Relationships. Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet reports to Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

2. Chronology.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
9JAN93	Fighter Squadron Composite 12 Change of Command. Commander Schlaefer relieved Commander Auten.
22JAN93	Fighter Squadron 74 Change of Command. Commander Sayers relieved Commander Wyatt.
10FEB93	Fighter Squadron 14 Change of Command. Commander Snyder relieved Commander Checchio.
5APR93	Fighter Squadron 102 Change of Command. Commander Collins relieved Commander Neidlinger.
28MAY93	Fleet Composite Squadron 8 Change of Command. Commander Sweeney relieved Commander Groenert.
28MAY93	Fighter Squadron 41 Change of Command. Commander Sherman relieved Commander Benson.
4JUN93	Fighter Squadron 143 Change of Command. Commander Hill relieved Commander Smith.
8JUL93	Fighter Squadron 33 Change of Command. Commander Schlientz relieved Commander Reade.
6AUG93	Fleet Composite Squadron 10 disestablishment.
8SEP93	Fighter Squadron 32 Change of Command. Commander Myers relieved Commander Zelibor.
24SEP93	Fighter Squadron 33 disestablishment.

8OCT93 Fighter Squadron 142 Change of Command.
 Commander Miller relieved Commander Garrett.

8OCT93 Fighter Squadron 43 Change of Command.
 Commander Swanson relieved Commander Nance.

24NOV93 Fighter Squadron 103 Change of Command.
 Commander Saunders relieved Commander Zobel.

3. Administrative Department

The Bronze Anchor Award winner and the Energy Conservation Award winner for 1993 was Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT.

Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Sailor of the Year was AK1 (b) (6). There were no nominees for Sailor of the Quarter for the first and third quarters. Second quarter Sailor of the Year was YN2 (b) (6) and fourth quarter Sailor of the Year was AT1 (b) (6).

4. Maintenance Department

Managed more than 150 Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (AIRLANT) F-14 aircraft in support of 10 Fleet Fighter Squadrons and one Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). Ensured aircraft availability and supportability through management of the following maintenance initiatives;

- Accelerated increased manning levels for VF-102 and VF-103 as they grew from 10 to 14 aircraft units.
- Spearheaded the incorporation of 250 additional maintenance billets and personnel in support of the F-14 single site Fleet Replacement Squadron.
- Organized the distribution/reassignment of over 500 maintenance personnel resulting from decommissioning of VF-33 and VF-43.
- Facilitated testing of over 2,000 personnel through refresher Maintenance Training Improvement Program (MTIP).
- Maintained over 4,000 questions from MTIP question banks for the F-14/A-4 aircraft systems. Completed 8 Course Data Processing (CDP) question bank reviews.
- Coordinated the "advanced technical training" of over 200 outstanding E-5 and above maintenance personnel which were instructed by NAESU and Grumman Tech Reps.
- Increased deployed TARPS assets from 3 to 5 aircraft and 3 to 5 TARPS Pods for increased TACRECCE tasking.
- Initiated Standard Central Air Data Computer (SCADC) retrofit

program, significantly increasing critical system improvement in maintainability and reliability.

- Forecasted and procured sufficient -569 bulkheads to replace non-flyable cracked bulkheads found during AFB-334 on over 20 F-14's.
- Provided oversight and quality assurance for contract maintenance performed during reconstruction of concrete apron and secondary air start units.
- Hosted and acted as Fleet Liaison for fifteen (15) Naval, Marine Corps, and Air Force detachments.
- Directed extensive preparation effort for Hurricane Emily resulting in zero aircraft and facility damage.
- Received Clearance to carry following: CBU's, MK20 Rockeye, MK-62 mines, MK-36 Destructors, Simulator Tactical Use Flare (STUF).
- Incorporated Air-to-Ground Delivery Weapons into Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection (CWTPI). Successfully completed seven (7) CWTPI's.
- Managed the F-14 Aircraft "bombing" inventory to meet Carrier Air Wing requirements.
- Validated and implemented the new TACTS Interface Module (TIM) operating procedures. This allows for simulated AIM-7, AIM-9, AIM-54, and M61A1 firing while on the TACTS range.

5. Readiness Department

- Initiated/conducted war of attrition exercises as part of Fleet Fighter air Combat Readiness Program (FFARP) to evaluate all aspects of squadron tactical acumen. Operations and Maintenance Departments were heavily tasked and their performance was ranked throughout the wing.
- Fighter wing Atlantic attained the highest Tactical Air Combat Training system (TACTS) utilization training rate of 60 percent. This rate is 15 percent higher than any other TACTS facility.
- Co-hosted Air-to-Air OAG in May (in Miramar).
- Participated in F-14/TACTS user group.
- Provided inputs on F-14 programs to Naval Air Liaison Group (NALG).
- Provided briefings/tours/simulator demonstrations to over 400 distinguished visitors including RNSC, RAFSC, DIA, CIA, FBI, NSI,

GAO, etc.

- Provided data/background information for NAS Oceana's Realignment Advisory Committee.
- Laid ground for the F-14 Night Vision Goggle (NVG) program and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).
- Participated in the first Joint Tactical Air Electronic Warfare Study (in San Antonio, Texas).

F-14 Air-to-Ground Milestones

- Received flight clearance for MK 36 DST and MK 62 Mines.

TARPS

- Responded to short fused JCS tasking to providing photo imaging of the "Great Floods of '93".

6. Safety. Due to the Naval Safety Center changing the CNO Safety Award from calendar to fiscal year in 1993, statistics are based on FY 93. This was not a banner year for safety since we lost five F-14's with three F-14B's and two F-14A's. Overall, Fighter Wing Atlantic flew 39,593.8 hours which gave us a mishap rate of 12.6 per 100,000 flight hours compared to 4.1 for FY 92.

- Simulator upgrades are progressing but slightly behind schedule. The First A/B upgrade should be in place in August 1996 and will be ready for training in February 1997. There are still some questions whether all trainer assets will be placed at NAS Oceana or split between coasts.

Captain ROBERT S. SCHMIDT

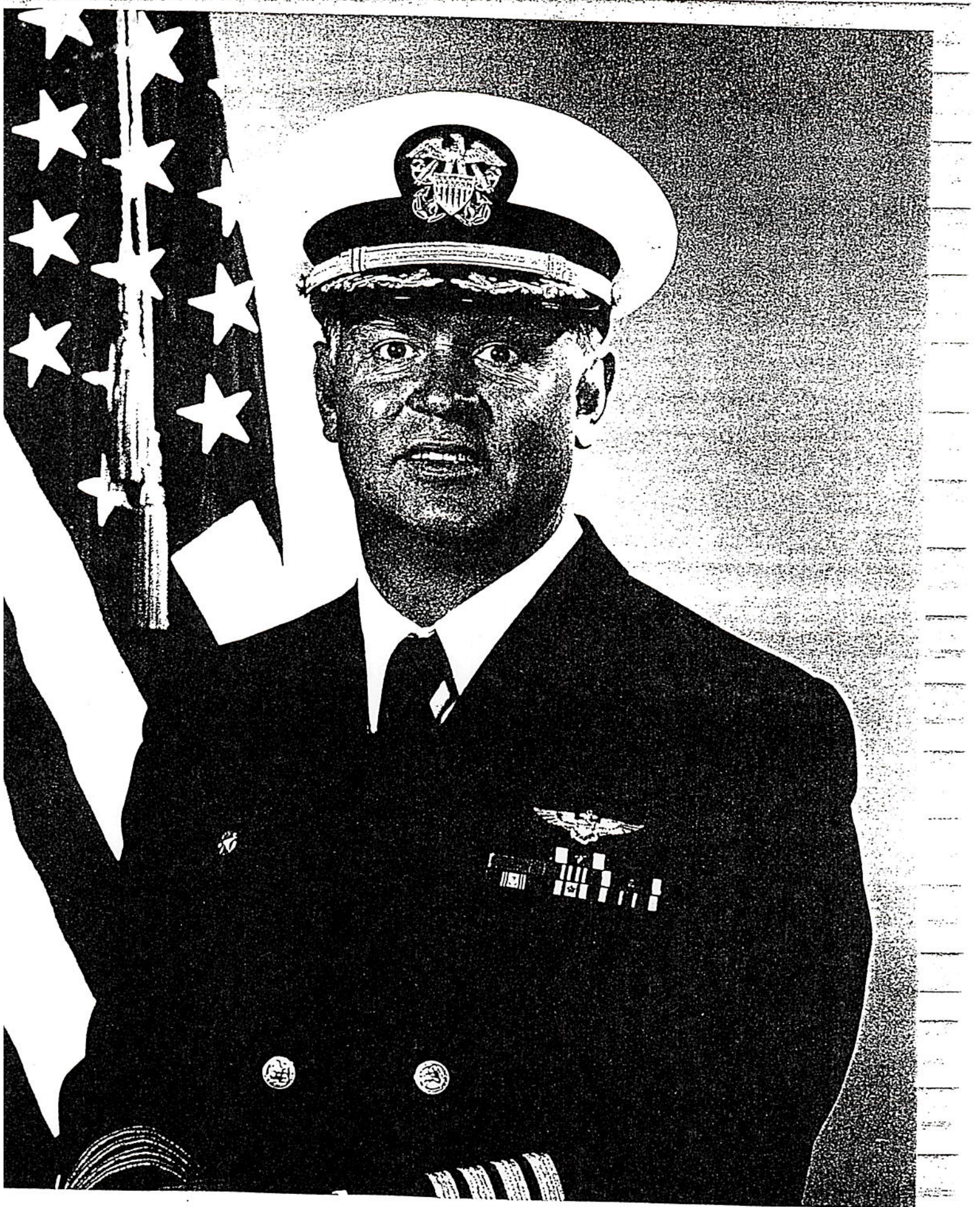
Captain Robert S. Schmidt is a native of (b) (6) and graduated from George Washington University with a degree in Business Administration. While at George Washington University, he lettered in football and baseball. Upon graduation, he began his naval career in July 1968 at Aviation Officer Candidate School, Pensacola, Florida. After commissioning he received pilot training in Pensacola, Meridian, and Kingsville. Following designation as a Naval Aviator in December 1969 Captain Schmidt reported to VF-101 at NAS Key West as a replacement F-4 pilot. Following FRS training, his first sea tour from January 1971 to May 1974 was split between VF-103 aboard USS SARATOGA (CV 60) and VF-32 aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). Subsequent shore duty was spent at VF-101 Detachment Key West as an ACM Instructor flying F-4J/F-4N and A4 aircraft.

In August 1976, Captain Schmidt reported to VF-103 and made two complete workups and deployments aboard "SARA" flying the venerable Phantom. In January of 1979, he transferred to VF-43 and became the Operations Officer shortly after arrival. While with the "Challengers," he flew the A-4E/M, TA-4J, T-38, and F-5 aircraft.

Captain Schmidt's third sea tour landed him in Yokuska, Japan, flying with VF-161 aboard USS MIDWAY (CV 41). Three cruises later he returned to NAS Oceana and VF-101 for F-14A transition and subsequent duty as Executive and Commanding Officer of the "Ghostriders" of VF-142 from July 1984 to February 1987.

After a superb, accident free command tour, Captain Schmidt was assigned to USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) as the Operations Officer deploying to the Mediterranean from March to August 1988. In February 1989, he was assigned to the Staff of Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) and became the Joint Doctrine Branch Head (OP-607). In March 1991, he was assigned to the Commander In Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and became Director of Fleet Policy.

Captain Schmidt has accumulated over 4100 flight hours and 850 carrier arrested landings. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (Third Award), Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and various other medals and ribbons.



Enclosure (4)

FORMER WING COMMANDERS

Captain Eugene Bezore	1 July 1971 - 4 January 1972
Captain Wilbert D. Knutson	4 January 1972 - 16 July 1974
Captain Lowell R. Myers	16 July 1974 - 27 August 1975
Captain Gerald L. Riendeau	27 August 1975 - 27 August 1976
Captain John S. Disher	27 August 1976 - 28 April 1978
Captain Samuel C. Flynn, Jr.	28 April 1978 - 31 July 1980
Captain Robert E. Tucker, Jr.	31 July 1980 - 2 April 1982
Captain Frederick L. Lewis	2 April 1982 - 7 October 1983
Captain Roy Cash, Jr.	7 October 1983 - 7 February 1985
Captain Donald L. McCrory	7 February 1985 - 21 February 1986
Captain John F. Manning, Jr.	15 September 1986 - 9 August 1988
Captain Curtiss W. Schantz, Jr.	9 August 1988 - 17 May 1990
Captain Richard W. Potter	17 May 1990 - 24 June 1991
Captain James Flaherty, Jr.	24 June 1991 - 7 August 1992